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SUBJECT: Greece Welcomes U.S. Candidacy to the UN Human Rights Council

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¶1. (U) On April 23, Embassy received a Note Verbale from the D1 Directorate of UN and International Organizations and Conferences at the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) expressing its support for the U.S. candidacy to the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) for the 2009-2012 term. Greece "warmly welcomes the renewed commitment of the United States to the Human Rights Council of the United Nations." It also noted that six years ago, following the decision of the United States to submit its candidacy for the Executive Board of UNESCO, Greece withdrew its candidacy to facilitate the U.S. election.
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